

RECOGNIZING MILWAUKEE
COUNTY SHERIFF DENITA R. BALL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita R. Ball. Sheriff Denita R. Ball will be sworn in as Milwaukee County Sheriff on January 6, 2023. Sheriff Ball was elected as the 66th Sheriff of Milwaukee County on Nov. 8, 2022, making her the first female sheriff in the history of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and the first African American female sheriff in Wisconsin.

A native of Arkansas, Sheriff Ball holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the UW-Milwaukee, and has a doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. Her doctoral dissertation is titled "Lethal Force: A Police Officer's Deadly Experience."

Sheriff Ball is also a graduate of several prestigious leadership programs, including the Department of Homeland Security's Leadership Academy (2019), Southern Police Institute Chief Executive Leadership Course (2007), the FBI National Academy (2004), the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Course, which was sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Department of Justice (1995), and Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (1994).

Before being elected, Sheriff Ball had served since 2019 as chief deputy sheriff/undersheriff of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the agency. Prior to her service with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Ball was a high-ranking member of the Milwaukee Police Department and retired at the rank of deputy inspector after 25 years of distinguished service.

While a member of the police department, Sheriff Ball commanded Police District Four, the Professional Performance Division (Internal Affairs), and the Sensitive Crimes Division. Additionally, Sheriff Ball organized, implemented and was the first commander of the Neighborhood Task Force, a group of 200 officers from the following units: Street Crimes (Gang and Narcotic Officers), Tactical Enforcement (SWAT), Motorcycle, Marine Operations (Boats) Canine, and Mounted Patrol and supervised their strategic deployment to high crime areas, which resulted in double-digit decreases in crime.

In her role as Milwaukee County Sheriff she will lead nearly 600 members, including more than 250 deputy sheriffs, 160 correctional officers, and hundreds of civilian support and administrative staff who are tasked with the safety and security of the 150-plus miles of the Milwaukee County freeway system, more than 150 county parks, the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex, extended circuit court system, public safety building, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, and numerous other county facilities and properties.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to recognize Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita R. Ball and her lifelong service of

protecting American citizens. I look forward to working with her in her efforts to protect the citizens of Milwaukee County.

THANKING THE GADDY FAMILY

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike and Gwen Gaddy. The Gaddy family are local celebrities in Fayetteville due to their giant Christmas light display they've done annually since 1988. Not only does this display on Sandy Creek Road bring joy to the community—being a free and fun drive through for all to enjoy—but it is also for a great cause.

Every year, they raise money for the March of Dimes along with providing a drop-off area for Toys for Tots donations. The March of Dimes donations began in 2012 in honor of their grandson Brady, who passed away as an infant. Since 2012, they have raised more than \$160,000 for the charity. The toys donated at their Toys for Tots location equate to more than 2,500 toys, and as much as 23 percent of the toys donated in Fayette County some years.

The Gaddy family has never taken any money from the public to keep the display running or to offset their expensive power bill—everything donated goes to charity. Madam Speaker, their selfless actions have made them a staple in our local community, and we're extremely grateful for everything they do to bring joy to folks around the holiday season.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2022 ARTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize ArtsFairfax and the recipients of the 2022 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, individuals, and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Today, ArtsFairfax operates programs and initiatives that include grant opportunities, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organizations.

As the arts community has continued to rebuild after many artists and organizations had to cancel programs and events during the height of the pandemic, ArtsFairfax awarded over \$538,838 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to arts organizations and individual artists in FY2021. ArtsFairfax's resiliency and adaptability allowed the organization to continue meeting the needs of the arts community during these unprecedented times.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in 4 categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Arts Achievement Award, the Arts Innovation Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2022 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2022 Jinx Hazel Arts Award, ArtsFairfax's premier award recognizing an individual or organization whose vision and commitment has helped shape the cultural life of Fairfax County, will be presented to Capital One Hall.

The 2022 Arts Achievement Award will be presented to Mark Brutsché for his outstanding career achievement and lasting contributions to the community.

The 2022 Arts Innovation Award will be presented to Fall for the Book for their implementation of inventive approaches to their art form that have uniquely engaged audiences in the arts.

The 2022 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Gary and Tina Mather for their commitment to making the arts the cornerstone of their philanthropic portfolio.

I also want to recognize the 2022–2024 Fairfax Poet Laureate, Danielle Badra, as she builds awareness and appreciation of poetry throughout Fairfax County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2022 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. PHILIP GRAHAM

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN. Madam Speaker, Tennessee's 7th District is full of men and women dedicated to their city, their state, their country, and their God. Everyday citizens who bring light, hope, and love to the world right in front of them. I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one such Tennessee resident.

Philip Graham was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, on July 4, 1950. The Tennessee 7th was home for all his 71 years. His world was his family. With his wife, Brenda, and daughter Ashley Elizabeth, he spent countless years making his community a brighter, more hopeful place. From his many years at APSU to his long career at Marriott International, nothing was ordinary or common when he was gathered in with the people he cherished.

He was a proud member of the Montgomery County Republican Party and an Associate Member of the Montgomery County Republican Women. Philip cherished and championed many friends who ran for various offices. He was honored to serve as a poll watcher in local elections and encouraged all to be active participants in the town he loved.

In perhaps his greatest service to the world around him, Philip deeply championed Cumberland Heights and the recovery community as he worked daily to help others follow the better way. He, along with his family, looked forward to May 17—what he affectionately called his other birthday. He joyfully celebrated 43 years of sobriety.